

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

673 1. (Currently amended): A tiling guide to aid the placement of tiles onto a surface, the tiling guide comprising a single elongate member having surface-engaging means which enable the tiling guide to be secured to the surface, one or more substantially flat elongate portions each having a tile engaging side and a surface engaging side, and tile abutment means to align the edge of a tile, ~~the tiling guide being so sized as to be completely obscured from view once the completed tiling has been conventionally grouted~~ wherein the tiling guide is sufficiently pliable that it may be rolled into a spiral when not in use.

2. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the tile abutment means comprises a ridge extending away from the tile engaging side.

3. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 2 wherein the ridge is located along a central longitudinal axis of the tiling guide.

4. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 2 wherein the ridge comprises one or more cut-outs.

5. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 4 wherein the ridge has a castellated cross-section parallel to a longitudinal axis of the tiling guide.

6. (Currently amended): A tiling guide to aid the placement of tiles onto a surface, the tiling guide comprising surface-engaging means which enable the tiling guide to be secured to the surface, one or more substantially flat elongate portions each having a tile engaging side and a surface engaging side, and tile abutment means to align the edge of a tile, wherein the tile abutment means comprises a ridge

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extending away from the tile engaging side, and A tiling guide according to Claim 2
wherein the ridge has a T-shaped cross-section, the T-shape allowing the grout to key
into the tiling guide.

7. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the
tiling guide comprises two non-parallel substantially flat elongate portions.

8. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 7 wherein the
angle between the two non-parallel substantially flat elongate portions is selected
from the group comprising 60°, 45°, 90° and 120°.

9. (Currently amended): A tiling guide according to ~~Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1
wherein the tiling guide comprises a single elongate portion.

10. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the
or each end of the tiling guide is provided with one or more markings to enable the or
each end to be cut away at a specific angle.

11. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the
surface-engaging means comprises an adhesive along the surface-engaging side of the
tiling guide.

12. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 11 wherein
prior to use of the tiling guide the adhesive is protected by a removable sheet.

13. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the
or each elongate portion comprises a number of cut outs along the or each edge to
enable the tiling guide to bent into a desired curved shape.

14. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the tile engaging side of the tiling guide is roughened by means of scratches or grooves.

15. (Previously presented): A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the tile engaging side subtends an angle of from 2 to 10° with the surface.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently amended): A method of tiling comprising the steps of:

- establishing a line on or adjacent the surface to be tiled;
- securing a tiling guide ~~of the type specified herein above~~ to the surface using the established line to assist alignment of the tiling guide, the tiling guide comprising a single elongate member having surface-engaging means which enable the tiling guide to be secured to the surface, one or more substantially flat elongate portions each having a tile engaging side and a surface engaging side, and tile abutment means to align the edge of a tile, wherein the tiling guide is sufficiently pliable that it may be rolled into a spiral when not in use;
- applying adhesive to the surface to be tiled;
- aligning one or more tiles along the tiling guide;
- tiling the remainder of the surface; and
- applying grout to fill in the space between the tiles ~~and obscure the tiling guide from view.~~

18. (Previously presented): A method of tiling according to Claim 17 wherein the tile is aligned by abutment against an outwardly extending ridge located on the tiling guide.

19. (Previously presented): A method of tiling according to Claim 17 wherein a second tiling guide is secured at an angle, adjacent the tiling guide to enable two

edges of a tile to be aligned.

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20. (Currently amended): A pack of tiles comprising:

a) a tiling guide to aid the placement of tiles onto a surface, the tiling guide comprising a single elongate member having:

surface-engaging means which enable the tiling guide to be secured to the surface;

one or more substantially flat elongate portions each having a tile engaging side and a surface engaging side; and

tile abutment means to align the edge of a tile, ~~the tiling guide being so sized as to be completely obscured from view once the completed tiling has been conventionally grouted;~~

wherein the tiling guide is sufficiently pliable that it may be rolled into a spiral when not in use; and

b) a plurality of tiles packaged with the tiling guide.

21. (New): A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the tiling guide is adapted such that, when the tiling guide is installed beneath and between tiles of a prescribed size and the tiles are conventionally grouted, the tiling guide will be completely obscured by the grout and the tiles.

22. (New): A pack of tiles according to Claim 20 wherein the tiles and the tiling guide are relatively sized and configured such that, when the tiling guide is installed beneath and between tiles and the tiles are conventionally grouted, the tiling guide will be completely obscured by the grout and the tiles.

23. (New): A method of tiling according to Claim 17 including rolling the tiling guide into a spiral.

24. (New): The method of tiling according to Claim 17 wherein the step of applying grout includes obscuring the tiling guide from view with the grout.

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25. (New): A method of tiling comprising the steps of:
establishing a line on or adjacent the surface to be tiled;
securing a tiling guide to the surface using the established line to assist alignment of the tiling guide, the tiling guide comprising surface-engaging means which enable the tiling guide to be secured to the surface, one or more substantially flat elongate portions each having a tile engaging side and a surface engaging side, and tile abutment means to align the edge of a tile, wherein the tile abutment means comprises a ridge extending away from the tile engaging side, and wherein the ridge has a T-shaped cross-section, the T-shape allowing the grout to key into the tiling guide;
applying adhesive to the surface to be tiled;
aligning one or more tiles along the tiling guide;
tiling the remainder of the surface; and
applying grout to fill in space between the tiles and obscure the tiling guide from view.

26. (New): The method of tiling according to Claim 25 wherein the step of applying grout includes obscuring the tiling guide from view with the grout.

27. (New): A pack of tiles comprising:
a) a tiling guide to aid the placement of tiles onto a surface, the tiling guide comprising:
surface-engaging means which enable the tiling guide to be secured to the surface;
one or more substantially flat elongate portions each having a tile engaging side and a surface engaging side; and
tile abutment means to align the edge of a tile;

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wherein the tile abutment means comprises a ridge extending
away from the tile engaging side; and

wherein the ridge has a T-shaped cross-section, the T-shape
allowing the grout to key into the tiling guide; and

b) a plurality of tiles packaged with the tiling guide.
